

BALMY CLIMATE  
OF COLORADO

The Stars Shine More Brightly  
Through Its Pellucid Air.

## GREAT FUTURE OF THE STATE.

The Resources of Her Mountains and  
Dales are Limitless and for Generations  
to Come They Will  
Pour Forth Treasures.

DENVER, COLORADO, January 31.—  
Special.—The climate of Colorado beats  
the world. The daily cloudless sky, the  
balmy atmosphere, mercury ranging 50  
to 60 at mid-day, and in mid-winter makes  
one feel as if he were in a tropical  
climate. Some say this is an exceptional  
winter, yet I am told by others it is not  
exceptional. It is exceptional or otherwise  
it is truly enjoyable and in wide  
contrast to our Virginia winter weather.  
But for the absence of foliage, at noon  
one could fancy it were summer, without  
a stretch of the imagination.

Sitting upon the open rock breathing  
the soft, balmy summer-like air and at the  
same time feeling the long range of mount-  
ains a few miles distant covered with  
perpetual snow is a condition and spec-  
tacle unequalled in the boasted clime of  
Italy and Switzerland. No pen can depict  
or pencil portray the grandeur and sub-  
limity of such scenes as present them-  
selves in the panorama spread in view.  
The snow-capped peaks glistening in the  
bright sun-light, the sparkling glaciers and  
scarcely subdued under the radiant  
light of a full unobscured moon seem to  
beckon us onward to touch their beauty  
and bask in the light of their bewitch-  
ing smiles.

## THE SETTING SUN.

As the last rays of the setting sun il-  
lume the western sky, the deep  
red of the far-off west are tinged with  
gold and silver, and the high peaks with  
their white caps of snow in changing  
tints of sparkling brightness, graduated  
down to the shadowy which envelops  
up as the sun disappears from view, hid-  
ing the resplendent and reflected glory  
of a gorgeous sunset, is a magnificently  
marvelous aspect, extending as it does  
with its constantly changing beauty from  
the farthest point north where the range  
rise to view to the extreme south, where  
they sink from sight and their outline is  
lost against the inky sky as darkness  
creeps over the scene. Such are not rare  
sights, but daily occurrences. Never have  
I seen stars shine more brightly or seem  
so large and near; we look at them  
through a thin, pure rarefied atmosphere,  
no mists to dim their brightness, or fleecy  
clouds to obscure their glory. The beau-  
tiful "Bedlam" crescent with duplicate  
horns" seems to be on duty here more  
and often, as usual it is, than in the  
regions where clouds hold full sway  
and pitch darkness reigns supreme.

City who loves the moon and the stars  
and enjoys the depicted glory of their  
shining should be so situated as to sleep  
in day time and revel in the beauty of  
these nights made glorious by the un-  
obscured and radiant light of the stars  
they call the sky" whereunder we live,  
sheds its most effulgent beauty, its  
most inspiring and thrilling exhibition of  
the glory of the universe at a time when  
humanity is sleeping. Alas! there is no  
changing of the order of things in this  
respect. Busy man hurried to toil must  
have the light of day to hustle for his  
bread and butter, and stern nature de-  
mands a time for sleep, the mandate that  
long since went forth, "Work while it is  
day, for the night cometh when no man  
can work" has fallen upon us like other  
results of Adam's sin.

## KIND NATURE.

Nature has dealt kindly with Colorado;  
her rivers of pure water dashing down  
through mountain ranges in their  
calm down to placid peaceful flow as they  
pursue their winding course across the  
level plain, where by man's invention,  
they are utilized to the advantage and  
growth of her people. The absence of  
rains, the absence of which, in conse-  
quence of the great distance from ocean,  
lakes and large rivers, to produce pre-  
cipitation or gentle dew, has caused this  
prison country to be an arid, treeless  
desert. She has also opened her hands  
and poured into the laps of the enter-  
prising people who foresaw the great pos-  
sibilities waiting energy and development  
the wealth of her mountains, which for  
ages remained untouched and un-  
known.

Notwithstanding all that has thus far  
been accomplished, the resources of this  
State and its mountains have scarcely  
been scratched. For generations to come  
they will continue to pour out their treas-  
ure in response to the labor and energy  
exerted. The depth and richness of her  
soil, the abundance of water yet to be  
utilized for watering the ground and  
the fact that it is a fertile soil, which  
may give seed to the sower and bread to  
the eater" will not wear out or its rich-  
ness be exhausted for ages. All her vari-  
ous resources are here to stay; and the  
richness of the soil, which is the richest  
productive State in the union. And as it  
grows in richness and wealth so too  
will it grow in power and morality.  
The swaddling clothes of its infancy  
have already been discarded and its  
childhood fast disappearing under the  
brightness of coming manhood. All dis-  
order that grows and flourishes on the  
frontier of civilization will gradually be  
forced onward by the progress of better  
times. Every man, woman and child  
must be lifted up to a higher standard  
or move westward where it is still wild  
and woolly. The onward march of pro-  
gress brings with it men and women  
hired up in the same old thought, re-  
fined and taste, from whom comes forth  
a quiet influence uplifting and purifying.  
By the inexorable law of nature the  
weak must give way to the strong, the  
bad to the better. The "survival of the  
fittest" holds good in every element of  
active moving existence.

## YELLOW JOURNALS.

The Evening Post, whose proprietors  
were shot the other day by an outraged  
citizen, is not the only "snide" journal  
that should raise its standard or move  
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There are others. One in particular,  
which started in life as a good honest in-  
tegral boy, about forty years ago, but which  
has developed into a mighty bad man.  
In 1859 or '60, when the only means of  
travel west of the Missouri river was by  
ox teams across the "Great American  
Desert," an enterprising young man pack-  
ed up his printing press and started, as  
the saying was in those days, "For Pike's  
Peak or bust." After a month or more of  
hard travel and hardships he reached the  
little mining camp located where Denver  
now stands, and in a few days he was  
story goes, issued the first number of the  
"Rocky Mountain News." For many years  
he continued to publish it with credit to  
himself and benefit to the growing com-  
munity. That this man, who is now to-day  
an honored citizen of Denver, some-  
what whitened by the frost of time, but  
still hale and hearty, entering with inter-  
est and energy into everything for the  
benefit and advancement of his native  
city and State. In the person of Wm.

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for Spring Crops.

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bacco, Grain, Grass and other  
crops.

N. Byers, the original owner and the  
organizer of the Rocky Mountain News,  
Denver has no better citizen, or one who  
has reflected more honor and uprightness  
of life.

## IN OTHER HANDS.

After he retired from the "News" it  
passed into other hands, and has had  
many changes and vicissitudes. It was  
purchased in 1875 by W. A. H. Loveland,  
a candidate for Governor on the Demo-  
cratic ticket, for the purpose of boosting  
his campaign. He was elected, however,  
and the paper proved to be an unprofit-  
able venture for him. After a few years  
of struggling existence it passed from one  
to another, and finally into the hands  
and ownership of its present controller,  
W. A. Patterson, a lawyer of uncertain  
note, and a pure political trickster, who  
has grown gray in the constant and per-  
sistent effort during the past twenty-five  
years to get into office, and rich from  
a lucrative law practice and the stock-  
ing of corporations, which still  
stands he has maintained through sub-  
tlety peculiarly his own.

For long years he has held high posi-  
tions for the United States Senate, but  
without avail. He is a powerful, dyed-in-  
the-wool, three-ply, doubled and twisted;  
but not adverse to being a leader of the  
disgruntled split-off forces from the Re-  
publican party; taking up the cause of the  
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## A POLITICIAN.

He is said, however, he is nothing more  
or less than a double-distilled politician,  
an astute lawyer, a forceful writer, with  
an ungratified ambition for public office.  
About twenty-five years ago he ran for  
Congress, and claiming to be elected, but  
the decision of the Congress gave it to  
the other fellow. He has also been a  
nominee for Governor of this State and  
numerous other smaller offices, but the  
people will not let him stay at the  
helm. The "News" under his control, as  
a newspaper, is not of a high order; except  
for gull, bitterness and wholesale viola-  
tion of truth and bold display of trash  
and deception, which many self-respect-  
ing citizens scorn to read. Thus the  
Rocky Mountain News, which started on  
its career forty years ago, modestly,  
truthfully and purely white, has after a  
checkered life reached old age, not with  
whitened locks in which there is honor,  
but with hair and brow of dishonored  
YELLOW.

J. S. I.

## Lawn-Making.

One of the greatest problems in general  
gardening is the production of a good  
turf and maintaining it. Yet it is easy  
to solve, too, if carefully attended to.  
The chief thing is to start right. There  
should be a good, rich, loamy, top-soil,  
six inches in depth, at least, in which  
the seed should be sown. Unless for  
some very good reason, which would sel-  
dom be the case, one kind of grass only  
should be sown, which will make an  
even, regular growth—if cared for. Dis-  
honest contractors are occasionally to  
be met with who do not hesitate to  
"skimp" with the top soil, and a weak,  
stunted and tufted growth of grass is  
the result.

Kentucky blue grass is the most popu-  
lar and best for more Northern States,  
being very hardy and close-growing. It  
is a famous pasture grass, and thrives in  
all soils, but especially in the excessively  
dry soils, where it has been found difficult  
to establish ordinary grass; sheep fescue,  
a very fine, "silly" grass, will be found  
admirable. Around the base of large  
trees, where it is not so shady, it will  
grow right up to their trunks. This is  
also recommended for sowing in sod  
which is troubled with annual grass or  
weeds, as it may cut very close, and the  
annuals prevented from seeding.  
While talking to me to it will add what  
to avoid. Whatever kind of grass is  
employed to seed with, it should be of a  
slightly creeping, and not of a tufted  
character. It is impossible to make a  
close even carpet with tufted grass.—  
Meehan's Monthly for February.

Groceries Given Away  
Special Sale This Week.

Sugar, Flour and Coffee at cost. We  
have 10 car-loads of them and must be  
sold.  
Van Houten's Cocoa, 4-lb pack-  
age only..... \$ .15  
2-lb Can California Peaches..... .15  
12-lb Creamy Butter, No. 1..... .15  
2-lb Creamy Butter, No. 1..... .15  
Banquet Saltine Waters, package  
2 packages Jellyroll, 25c..... .25  
2 packages Cream Custard, 25c..... .25  
25c; both for..... .15  
Fina Country Butter, for cooking  
only..... .15  
Fine Little Small Ham..... .12 1/2  
Home-Made Leaf Lard, 25-lb can  
Large California Prunes, per lb..... .05  
4 Large Cans Swiss Baking Pow-  
der..... .15  
2-lb Can Soup Tomatoes, each..... .06  
Nice lot of Thin Breakfast  
Bacon, per pound..... .08  
Large California Oranges, per  
dozen..... .15  
2-lb Can Chow Chow, per lb..... .15  
Fancy Carolina Rice, per lb..... .25  
4 boxes Butter Milk Sweet Soap..... .25  
4 cans Sugar Corn for..... .25  
Large Box Blacking, 3 for..... .30  
French Mustard, per gallon only..... .40  
New Orleans Dark Molasses, per  
gallon..... .20  
10 Large Bars of Soap or 10 Pack-  
ages Soap Powder for..... .25  
3 dozen Small Mackerel for..... .25  
Hantz's Chow Chow, per quart..... .15  
All of our goods retailed at wholesale  
price, guaranteed in every respect or  
money cheerfully refunded.  
Very respectfully,

THE  
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611 to 615 East Marshall Street,  
NEW PHONE 381. OLD PHONE 1232.  
Orders by mail promptly attended to.  
Cannon-ball Delivery at express rates.

NEWS OF HORSES  
AND HORSEMEN

Trotters and Pacers With Fast Re-  
cords Owned Here.

## MOSUL, 2:09 1-4, AMONG THEM.

Richmond as a Distributing Point  
Chesters, the Son of Falsetto,  
Hornplpe in the Hunt-  
ing Field.

A greater number of fast trotters and  
pacers are owned in this city and vicinity  
than in any other city. The interest in  
speedy horses at either gait continues  
to increase.

With the return of prosperity in busi-  
ness and financial circles the demand for  
gentlemen's roadsters has greatly in-  
creased, and owners are constantly  
changing hands at prices representing a  
fair margin of profit. The fastest trotter  
owned in Richmond, or for that matter  
in the State of Virginia, is the bay geld-  
ing, Mosul, 2:09 1-4, by Sultan, out of Vi-  
ginia Maid, by Sam Purdy, who trotted  
in his record and won that memorable  
seven-heat race at the Grand Circuit  
meeting at Columbus, O., in August, 1897,  
since which time the unsexed son of Sul-  
tan, who is a medium size, has been  
in retirement. Trotters seem to be  
far more popular here than pacers, as  
the list, which follows, will show, but  
sooner or later the lateral gallop per-  
formance more than makes up for the  
loss in recognition, and a few years hence  
may be in the ascendancy, or at least, on  
an equal footing with horses that take to  
the diagonal gait. Among those with  
records of 2:30 and better, following Mos-  
ul, are the following: 2:29 1-4, blk. g.,  
toned; McZeus, 2:35, br. h., by McKinney,  
dam Grace Kaiser, by Kaiser; Kodras,  
2:35 1-4, b. g., by Norval, dam Bianca,  
Blackwood; Roster, 2:35 1-4, b. g., by  
Alameda, dam Red Rover, by Red Rover;  
Wilkes, 2:35 1-4, b. g., by King  
Nutwood, dam Medina, by Middletown;  
Elroy, 2:35 1-4, br. h., by Simmons, dam  
Berkeley Belle, by Aleyone; Hulman,  
2:35, by Quartermaster, dam Willie D.,  
by Hamer; Lucas, 2:35 1-4, b. m., by  
Wickfield, dam Happy Princess, by Happy  
Medium; Charles Anderson, 2:35 1-4, ch. g.,  
by Wilkes Chief, dam by Bailey's  
Dexter; Little Bell, 2:35 1-4, ro. m., by  
John W. Danzig, dam Betty Fager,  
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In these days the men who were liable  
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Many incidents are told of these times.  
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was confined around the neck and waist  
by strings). B at once accepted the sug-  
gestion, donned the sham and the two  
proceeded to court.

After getting there, it occurred to A  
that he would have some fun at B's ex-  
pense. So he let a third party into the  
scheme about B's sham, and engaged him  
to assist in playing a practical joke. B  
was a hot-tempered man, and when he  
was offended, the first act before fight-  
ing was to pull off his coat. On this oc-  
casion the third party went up to B and  
insulted him very grossly.

Immediately B took off his coat, with-  
out thinking or caring about the lack of  
his shirt, and A, who was watching for  
the opportunity, seized the coat and ran  
off. As soon as this was done, the party  
who had been assisting in the scheme, in  
his apology to B, who at once accepted it,  
turning to get his coat, he found it was  
gone, and in this predicament he was left  
for a good while.

B, in telling the circumstances to me,  
many years ago, said that the joke was  
practiced on him one hot summer day,  
and that before he recovered his coat,  
his back was blistered.

The bay horse Chorister, thoroughbred  
son of Falsetto and Addie C., by King  
Alfonso, owned by James R. Keene, of  
New York, and for several years past a  
member of that noted financier's famous  
Castleton stud at Lexington, Ky., will go  
to the Valley of Virginia to make a tour  
and season for 1900. Chorister is one of  
the grandest looking horses in Kentucky,  
standing 16 1/2 hands high and weighing  
nearly 1,400 pounds, while in heart and  
spirit he probably exceeds any horse than  
any horse in the Blue Grass region.

The son of Falsetto was always well  
thought of by Major Daininger, who  
directs affairs at Castleton, and that  
astute judge of horse blood, who for the  
bay stallion to sire a grand lot of hun-  
ters, saddle and general purpose horses in  
the Valley of Virginia, where he will have  
access to numbers of good mares. Chor-  
ister was a good race horse. He ran a  
mile in 1:23 1/4, and won among other  
events the sea and sound stakes, carry-  
ing 112 pounds.

years old Hornplpe stands sixteen hands  
and an inch in height, weighs 1,175 pounds,  
and through his sire, Young Sanford, the  
son of Sanford, he inherits the potent  
thoroughbred blood of Lexington, which  
enables him to take up any weight and  
live through a chase of many hours' du-  
ration where the pace is furious from end  
to end.

Mr. L. Banks Holt, of the Alamance  
Farm, Graham, N. C., has a couple of  
grand-looking brood mares in Winnie D.,  
dam of Hulman, 2:30; Ginter, 2:34 1-4,  
pacing, and Mayo, 2:34 1-4, a daughter of  
Hannis and Maud L., by Flyaway, and  
Blondette, a daughter of Governor Holt, 2:35,  
by Leland, out of Minetta, by Kentucky  
Prince. Winnie D. is the dam of Giles  
Mebane, a brown colt, four years old, of  
extraordinary beauty and finish, by John  
R. Gentry, 2:09 1-4. Bobb, Winnie D. and  
Blondette were bred in 1899 to Gregorian,  
2:24 1-4, the premier sire at Alamance,  
and appear to be in foal.

Mr. Thomas M. Hewitt, North Bend  
Farm, Weymouth, Va., is wintering five  
horses with records, all owned at the  
farm. They are the chestnut pacing  
stallion Whittby, 2:35, by Hannis, dam  
Maud L., by Flyaway, who sired Angus-  
mus, 2:12 1-4; Miss Thompson, 2:30 1-4, by  
Toedles, Jr., dam Trimmer, Baron Russell's  
Hambleton, Fanny Cox, 2:30, pacing,  
by Judge Cox, dam Mambrino, by Mam-  
brino King; Kitty B., 2:34 1-4, by Nutgold,  
son of Nutwood, and Florence Miles,  
2:31 1-4, bay mare, by Prophet Wilkes,  
dam by Red Charles.

The big bay pacing mare, Almist, 2:34 1-4,  
by Alchemist, son of Almout, owned by  
Mr. M. E. Doyle, of Lynchburg, is win-  
tering finely in the stable of her owner.  
She looks for her to lower her record  
during the coming season, after which  
she will probably be retired for road  
work or bred. Almist was driven to her  
record in 1895 by W. G. Bryan, of Albert  
C. (2:16 1/2) fame.

In the bay gelding, four years old, by  
Baron Russell, dam by Sam Purdy, W.  
D. Adams, Jr., of Lynchburg, N. C., has  
the prospect of a trotter. Baron Russell,  
a son of Mambino King, dam a full  
sister to Baronet, 2:11 1-4, by Baron  
Wilkes, was formerly owned by Mr.  
Adams.

In the bay pacing gelding Perfection,  
recently purchased from T. M. Arrasmith,  
Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, it is said that  
Dr. T. J. B. Battle, of Greensboro, N. C.,  
has secured a 2:30 prospect. Perfection  
by Blue Hal, 2:14 1-4, dam by Bay Tom.  
In addition to Perfection Dr. Battle owns  
a bay pacing stallion by King Nutwood,  
dam Miss Windsor, by Windsor, also  
Betsy Tussey, a full sister to the latter.  
Betsy Tussey was bred in 1899 to Grego-  
rian, 2:24 1-4, the premier sire at Alamance,  
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After getting there, it occurred to A  
that he would have some fun at B's ex-  
pense. So he let a third party into the  
scheme about B's sham, and engaged him  
to assist in playing a practical joke. B  
was a hot-tempered man, and when he  
was offended, the first act before fight-  
ing was to pull off his coat. On this oc-  
casion the third party went up to B and  
insulted him very grossly.

Immediately B took off his coat, with-  
out thinking or caring about the lack of  
his shirt, and A, who was watching for  
the opportunity, seized the coat and ran  
off. As soon as this was done, the party  
who had been assisting in the scheme, in  
his apology to B, who at once accepted it,  
turning to get his coat, he found it was  
gone, and in this predicament he was left  
for a good while.

B, in telling the circumstances to me,  
many years ago, said that the joke was  
practiced on him one hot summer day,  
and that before he recovered his coat,  
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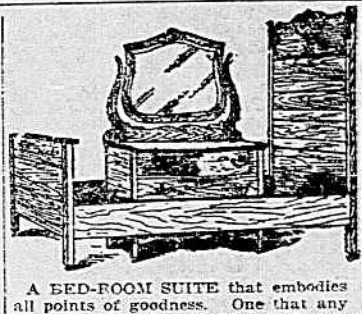
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